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For: **OPTIMIZED NETWORK RESOURCE LOCATION**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: ✓

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following new claims:

25. (New) A method comprising:

obtaining a first resource containing a reference to a second resource; and

replacing, in the first resource, the reference to the second resource with a different resource reference.

26. (New) A method as in claim 25 wherein the references specify locations of the

respective resources on a network.